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LETTER DATED 4 JUNE 1993 FROM THE ACTING PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF SAUDI ARABIA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith a list of assistance provided by the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to Somalia.

I should be grateful if this could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex

[Original: Arabic]

List of assistance provided to Somalia

1. Assistance and soft loans for development provided by the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to Somalia from before the war to the present total US$ 811,853,000, distributed as follows:

(a) Non-reimbursable assistance for different purposes to support the balance of payments, oil assistance and social, medical and Islamic assistance totalled US$ 658,253,000;

(b) Soft loans to finance five development projects totalled US$ 143,600,000. The Ministry of Finance has repaid US$ 45,779,482 of the total amount lent to Somalia.

2. Since the civil war began, assistance has taken the following forms:

(a) Foodstuffs worth US$ 10 million were shipped in October 1992. There were two shipments, one of 4,323 tons and the second of 2,500 tons, and they were sent through the World Food Programme (WFP);

(b) Foodstuffs worth US$ 5 million were sent (the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia sent this contribution through the World Food Programme (WFP));

(c) The Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques, King Fahd Bin Abdul-Aziz Al Saud, personally contributed US$ 5 million to alleviate the food shortage suffered by the Somali people;

(d) The Saudi Government provided 5,000 cases of foodstuffs, which were sent through the High Committee responsible for collecting donations for the Muslims of Bosnia-Herzegovina and Somalia.

3. As at 12 November 1992, donations collected for Somalis by the above-mentioned High Committee totalled 49,741,712.97 riyals, of which 24,172,508.97 riyals have so far been spent (1 US dollar = 3.75 Saudi riyals).